

I call on you to hold an official public hearing in my state.

Before the disastrous 2003 decision to weaken media ownership rules (which a federal court has now overturned), you held only one official public hearing. Further, FCC officials met behind closed doors 71 times with major broadcasters □\ but only five times with public interest groups. And to justify your actions, you used deceptive, industry-sponsored research data.

The will of Big Media had been heeded at the expense of American citizens and democracy itself. This has to end. Before you rewrite the ownership rules, I demand an official public FCC hearing in my state, impartial and verifiable research, and transparent debates.

It is time to put the needs of democracy □\ a diverse, skeptical, independent and competitive media system □\ ahead of profit-hungry media giants.

It is absolutely appalling that you allow such media ownership consolidation.

Repeat a lie often enough and it becomes truth.

Repeat a lie across all the airwaves in a given area and it is by default the truth for lack of a different voice.

This is not a communist state but what will happen when they are all owned by the same people? How will it be any different?